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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in Chicago and New York. Elsewhere, weekly prices were lower on all sizes. The market tone was unsettled to instances weak. Demand ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to at times long for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate for the moderate demand. Breaking schedules were mostly normal for the post-holiday week. Light type fowl were fully sufficient to ample for the light to fair demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest prices were lower for all sizes. All other prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to fairly good for post holiday orders. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the moderate demand. Most buyers taking a wait and see approach to the market as it settles after the holiday weekend. Floor stocks adequate. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	78-87	81-84
LARGE	77-85	78-83
MEDIUM	55-63	58-60

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	60-64
MEDIUM	38-40
SMALL	20-24

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were fully sufficient for needs following the holiday weekend. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate for the moderate demand. Breaking schedules were reported as less than normal for the week. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for reduced processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87-99	87-90
LARGE	81-96	86-90
MEDIUM	57-72	62-64

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment about steady. Retail demand was light to mostly fairly good for post holiday fill-in. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were usually adequate to at times long.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	88-97	88-93
LARGE	84.5-92	86-88
MEDIUM	60.5-67	63-65

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's pricing. Trade sentiment was usually steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to fairly good. Supplies ranged adequate to available for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were generally sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for the light to fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	82.5-91	84-87
LARGE	81-89	82-85
MEDIUM	59.5-67	60-64

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes following the long holiday weekend. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with limited feature activity noted. Supplies were sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	95-99
LARGE	93-97
MEDIUM	69-73

CHICAGO Prices on all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to available.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	84-90
LARGE	83-88
MEDIUM	61-68

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WESTERN Prices throughout the region 4 cents lower on jumbo, 3 cents lower on extra large, 6 cents lower on large, and 5 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 3% higher than last week with California down 1% and Oregon- Washington-Utah up 10%. Retailer demand fair. Offerings easily adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices 4 cents lower on jumbo, 3 cents lower on extra large, 6 cents lower on large, and 5 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 1% lower than last week. Retailer demand fair. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 72. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 2 for \$3, 18 pack 2 for \$4, buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	131
EXTRA LARGE	129
LARGE	117
MEDIUM	92

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	269-339	JUMBO	279-339
EXTRA LARGE	259-319	EXTRA LARGE	249-319
LARGE	229-239	LARGE	229-285
MEDIUM	199-209	MEDIUM	199-225

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 05, 2003 will increase by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 29, 2003 were 222,148 cases which was 3 percent below the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	179,798	42,350	222,148
% change from the prior week.....	-6	+14	-3

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 15 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the moderate demand. Most buyers taking a wait and see approach to the market as it settles after the holiday weekend. Floor stocks adequate. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	66-68.5	68
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	53-59	53

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair. Offering were at least adequate. Finished product supplies were adequate. and clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were less than normal due to the holiday. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 01-SEP-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9	8.25-8.5	8.31
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-SEP-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-11.25	8-8.75	8.64

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM SEP 02, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

(50 DOLLAR CASES IN THOUSANDS)							
			NO	SO	SO		5-Area
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.2	17.3	4.4	11.1	9.5	50.5
	Change	0.1	0.9	-1.4	-0.2	-1.8	-4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.2	55.6	13.5	20.7	31.4	144.4
	Change	-0.1	2.1	-2.2	3.2	-2.1	1%
Large	Curr Wk	41.8	117.3	71.4	79.0	105.5	415.0
	Change	-13.8	7.9	-6.4	0.1	-0.4	-3%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.2	50.0	17.7	25.5	29.4	137.8
	Change	-1.9	10.5	-2.2	-1.3	3.4	7%
Small	Curr Wk	5.3	8.6	2.2	6.1	6.6	28.8
	Change	-1.1	1.5	-0.9	0.0	-0.2	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.3	26.6	4.9	12.5	7.3	55.6
	Change	-0.3	5.4	-1.8	-0.5	0.3	6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.3	39.9	20.8	20.6	34.5	130.1
	Change	2.3	9.7	0.1	-0.6	6.8	16%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	112.3	315.3	134.9	175.5	224.2	962.2
	Change	-12%	14%	-10%	0%	3%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	962.2	2%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	254.7	6%	37

Total Shell Egg	1,216.9	2%	209
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggspacked for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 18, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	197.2	194.1	185.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING AUGUST 4, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 29, 2003

CURRENT LOADS							FUTURE LOADS							TOTAL LOADS						
20.00							13.50							33.50						
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS				
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST						
GNR W 1	—	—	67.50	69.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	78.00	1.50				
GL W XL	73.00	—	78.00	80.00	—	69.00	8.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	78.00	1.75				
GL W LG	—	—	76.00	77.00	68.00	—	3.75	GL W MD	47.50	—	—	—	—	—	54.50	2.25				
GL W MD	—	—	48.00	50.00	—	—	1.25													
GL W SM	—	—	—	—	33.00	35.00	1.00													
NRBS - 48	—	—	65.00	66.00	—	68.25	15.25													
NRBS - 39	—	—	52.00	54.00	—	—	.75													

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/25/03-08/29/03

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
79.75								66.50								146.25							
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	69.00	—	68.25	71.00	71.00	—	18.00	GNR W 1	—	73.20	—	—	—	—	—	5.00							
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	65.00	1.00	GNR BR 1	73.00	—	—	—	—	—	82.00	1.00							
GL W J	—	—	88.00	90.00	—	—	5.00	GL W J	—	86.00	—	—	—	—	96.50	3.00							
GL W XL	73.00	80.17	78.25	79.78	70.89	70.00	47.50	GL W XL	72.00	81.27	—	—	—	—	80.08	20.00							
GL W LG	—	75.82	77.17	78.17	67.53	69.00	41.50	GL W LG	—	79.71	—	—	—	—	79.15	32.75							
GL W MD	—	54.70	49.36	50.00	47.45	51.46	21.00	GL W MD	48.25	56.00	52.00	—	50.00	54.96	10.25								
GL W SM	37.50	39.50	35.33	37.08	31.91	35.00	6.00	GL W SM	—	36.50	—	—	—	—	—	1.00							
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	80.50	84.00	.75								
NRBS - 48	—	—	65.00	66.00	—	69.78	47.25																
NRBS - 42	—	—	42.00	43.00	—	—	.50																
NRBS - 39	—	—	52.00	54.00	—	57.50	3.75																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	08/25/03	08/18/03	08/26/02
PACIFIC COAST	122	71	453
LOS ANGELES	59	39	385

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS Market prices are steady on all sizes. Supplies are adequate to meet the moderate demand. PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	102.71
LARGE	98.71
MEDIUM	77.71
SMALL	54.00

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland:	08/17/03-08/23/03
30-dozen case	8,056
Receipts from the mainland:	08/10/03-08/16/03
30-dozen case	4,843

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